ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a design support system which can refer to figure element data contained in another design file, when an element ID of figure element data targeted for reference is changed or lost, CPU retrieves a name allotted to the figure element data by a designer, the figure element data itself, one to which work instruction data matches or one having a high degree of similarity to specify figure element data targeted for reference in order to provide a design support system which can easily specify a subject to be referenced, improve a designing efficiency and enhance a benefit and convenience.